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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Maitland et al.

Deposited:

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For:

METHOD FOR PROCESSING OLIVES

Edgewater, New Jersey 07020 May 4, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

- 16. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 12 and having a solids content of at most 5 wt.%.
- 17. (Amended) An olive oil according to claim 14 and having a solids content of at most 5 wt.%.